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## OFFICE OF THE TOWN COUNCIL

# February 6, 2018 MINUTES

A meeting of the Town Council was held in the Cahill Auditorium, Braintree Town Hall, on Tuesday, February 6, 2018 beginning at 7:30p.m.

Council President Ryan was in the chair.  
Clerk of the Council, Susan Cimino conducted the roll call.

Present: Charles Ryan, President  
Charles Kokoros, Vice President  
Thomas Bowes  
Timothy P. Carey  
Shannon Hume  
Stephen C. O'Brien  
Sean Powers  
David M. Ringius, Jr.  
Thomas W. Whalen

Also Present: James M. Casey, Town Clerk  
James Arsenault, DPW Director  
Dr. Peter Kurzberg, former Superintendent of Schools

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- January 16, 2018
  - Motion:** by Councilor Kokoros to Approve Minutes of January 16, 2018
  - Second:** by Councilor Powers
  - Vote:** For (9), Against (0), Absent (0), Abstain (0)

### OLD BUSINESS

- 18 002 Town Clerk: Temporary Relocation of District 4A Polling Location or take up any action relative thereto  
James M. Casey, Town Clerk explained the East Middle School is being renovated. This was the polling location for District 4A. The polling location will need to be temporarily relocated through the 2020 elections. The new location will be the Department of Elder Affairs Building, 71Cleveland Avenue.

Mr. Casey stated he spoke with Mayor Sullivan and the Director of Elder Affairs and all supported the move. ADA compliance has been approved. Postcards will be mailed out to note the changes to voters.

Councilor Powers stated can we minimize the activities that take place on election days.

Mr. Casey stated that was a concern at the Committee of Ways & Means meeting earlier this evening. That will be discussed with the Director of Elder Affairs to be sure no large events take place on election days.

MOTION was read by Councilor Kokoros:

UPON THE REQUEST OF THE BRAINTREE TOWN CLERK, THE TOWN OF BRAINTREE, THROUGH THE BRAINTREE TOWN COUNCIL, IT IS SO ORDERED:

Pursuant to M.G.L.54, §24, that the public convenience would be better served by relocating to the Department of Elder Affairs Building, 71Cleveland Avenue, the District 4A polling location which is currently located in the East Middle School Gymnasium, 305 River Street.

**Motion:** by Councilor Kokoros

**Second:** by Councilor Powers

**Vote:** For (9), Against (0), Absent (0), Abstain (0)

- 17 079 National Grid Petition: Elmwood Street/Sumner Avenue or take up any action relative thereto Councilor Whalen, Chairman of the Committee on the Department of Public Works stated the committee met this evening and unanimously vote for a favorable recommendation to the full Council with staff recommendations.

This petition is to add an additional 55 feet to a previously approved Council Order 17 016. The National Grid reps are amendable to doing the work the Town Engineer has recommended.

MOTION read by Councilor Kokoros:

To install and maintain approximately 55 feet more or less of 4 inch gas main in Sumner Avenue from the house #64 to the end of main on Hollingsworth Avenue. All of which to replace and abandon the existing main on Sumner and Hollingsworth.

BELD: There are No underground electric utility conflicts or special requirements within the proposed scope of work.

DPW: We would recommend that approval would be based on our standard conditions but additionally on the condition **that the trench repair work within Hollingsworth Ave include crown to curb milling and re-paving the extent of the excavation plus another 5 foot length at each edge in the direction of traffic.** (The actual repair area will be delineated after the installation since the lateral trench in Hollingsworth Ave will be in the intersection at Sumner Ave.) All pavement markings shall be replaced in-kind. Curbs and sidewalks must be repaired or replaced, each to the satisfaction of the Highway Superintendent. Infrared treatment of seams may be required at the discretion of the Highway Superintendent.

The petition should also be subject to the other standard conditions, with emphasis on the requirements that the gas main be laid outside of the existing water and sewer trenches and that the trench pavement

not be left low for any length of time; we also recommend that the following requirement be added to the permit, if it is to be granted:

“Neither National Grid nor any of its contractors is authorized to close any street or to close a direction of travel to facilitate their work without authorization from the Director of the Department of Public Works or the Highway Superintendent. The Chief of Police can also authorize a closure for a police or fire emergency. Construction zone traffic safety issues are to be addressed by using appropriate traffic control signs and devices and the use of police officers for traffic control to safely guide traffic through the work zone. If a closure is authorized by the DPW, it shall not be implemented until signs and police officers (where needed) are properly in place in conformity with the written plan prepared by the contractor’s engineer and approved by the DPW and Police Department.”

**Motion:** by Councilor Kokoros

**Second:** by Councilor Powers

**Vote:** For (9), Against (0), Absent (0), Abstain (0)

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- NONE

Councilor Kokoros read the following Motions for referral to committee(s):

### **Refer to the Committee on Ways & Means**

- 18 007 Mayor: Appointment Community Preservation Committee – Maria Bonfiglioli or take up any action relative thereto
- 18 008 Mayor: Appointment Community Preservation Committee – Dr. Peter Kurzberg or take up any action relative thereto

**Motion:** by Councilor Kokoros

**Second:** by Councilor Bowes

**Vote:** For (9), Against (0), Absent (0), Abstain (0), Present (0)

Councilor Kokoros read the following Motion for referral to committee:

### **Refer to the Committee on the Department of Public Works**

- 18 009 National Grid Petition: Vinedale Rd/Glenrose Ave/Harbor Villa Ave or take up any action relative thereto
- 18 010 National Grid Petition: Pleasant View Ave or take up any action relative thereto

**Motion:** by Councilor Kokoros

**Second:** by Councilor Bowes

**Vote:** For (9), Against (0), Absent (0), Abstain (0)

Councilor Kokoros read the following Motion for referral to committee:

### **Refer to the Committee on Community Planning**

- 005 18 Councilor Powers: South Shore Chamber of Commerce: 2030-Housing Report or take up any action relative thereto
- 006 18 Councilor Powers: South Shore Chamber of Commerce: 2030-Infrastructure Report or take up any action relative thereto

**Motion:** by Councilor Kokoros

**Second:** by Councilor Bowes

**Vote:** For (9), Against (0), Absent (0), Abstain (0)

## **ADJOURNMENT**

It was unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 7:52p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan M. Cimino  
Clerk of the Council

## **Documents provided for Meeting**

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